IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Docket No.: 2003-0449/24061.103 Yu Jen Chen, et al. 8888888 Serial No.: 10/810,926 Examiner Siek, Vuthe Filed: March 25, 2004 Art Unit: 2825

For: Method and System for Conf. No. 1917

Alerting An Entity to Design Changes Impacting the Manufacture of a Semiconductor § Device in a Virtual FAB §

Environment

δ RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED DECEMBER 11, 2006

Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop: Amendment PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir

No fees, including extension of time fees, are believed necessary for consideration of the present paper.

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 11, 2006 in the above-identified application.

Election of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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I. Election

Notwithstanding that an action on the merits was previously mailed on August 8, 2006 and that a response to that office action was filed on August 19, 2006 traversing all of the outstanding rejections, the Examiner now requires an election-of-species. As set forth herein, the required election is not proper; however, as a complete reply to a requirement for restriction requires an election, Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, Species II of which claims 13-22 have been identified by the Examiner as reading thereon.